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Teutons Are Driving Czar's Farces Back

BERLIN IS GAY WITH FLUTTER. ING FLAGS OVER MUSCO-VITE DEFEAT.

PETROGRAD DECLINES TO CON CEDE VICTORY TO THE

Br Associated Parss.] LONDON, Dec. 18.—Again the Germans and Austrians seem to be on the crest of the wave of battle as the interminable struggle in the east continues. Again Berlin is gay with flags and again Petrograd declines to con-cede victory to the invaders. Berlin and Vienna contend, however, that the Russians are falling along the entire front from the Baltic to the Carpath-lans with the invading center less than

20 miles from Warsaw. To the south, where a few weeks ago Russians were pouring over the ago Russians were pouring over the Carpathians into Hungary, the combined Austro-German columns have now forced them back through the passes and it is asserted, have advanced two-thirds of the way across Galicia, and are nearing the fortress of Lemberg, occupied by the Russians carly in the Galician campaign.

The Russian official announcement admits none of this. They dismiss the happenings in Galicia as unimportant, classing the operations to the west of Warsaw in the same category. It is claimed, however, that the extreme Russian right near Mlawa, has crossed the Germans back and that Russian savalry has swung across the southern border of East Prussia.

In the western arena there have been no events of great importance and at least none has been reported. Foot by foot the allies appear to be forcing the Germans out of their trenches in Flanders and maintaining the pressure elsewhere on the fron from the sea to Switzerland.

The British press today naturally makes a feature of the annexation of Egypt and the Soudan, which takes from the Sultan of Turkey 14,000,000 subjects and 1,300,000 square miles of land. This action moreover robe the Turk of his last foothold in Africa, taly having taken Tripoli from Turkey a few years ago.

alresh by the latest account coming and which either fell or was knocked to the floor is believed to have start-turalized Germans arrested on the been liberated.

Austrian Cadet Ship and All

LONDON, Dec. 1.—In a dispatch Interesting

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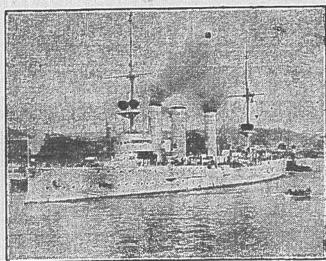
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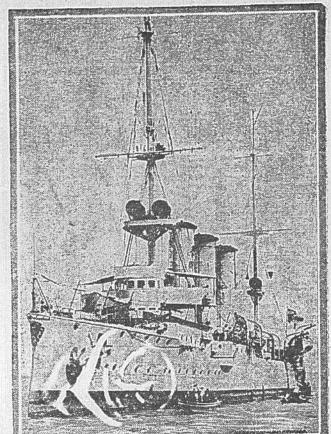
German Warships Dresden and Nurnberg in South Atlantic



NURNBERG.

The German iruiser Nurnberg was the fourth vessel to be sunk in the great naval battle off the coast of Argentina. She escaped when the fighting became too hot and when the Germans saw their danger, but the warships of the British admiral's fleet pursue'd and caught her. The Dresden also got away and reports have since come from South America that she was sunk. Other reports have had it that she was able to reach the port of Santa Cruz, just north of the Straits of Magellan.

Bothe vessels were very fast, and had been in the fleet of Admiral von Spec, which had done much damage to Britsh shipping about South Amer-



DRESDEN.

Two Persons Killed In Fire

SEVERAL THREE WILL PROBABLY NOT RECOVER.

By Associated Press.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 18.— Two persons were killed and a num-ber injured, three of them seriously. her injured, three of them seriously, in a fire which early today destroyed a largo rooming house known as the Hayloft in the tenderloin district. A local, interest having been stimulated coast, interest having been stimulated to the seriously, and the seriously, in a fire which have known as the half the seriously to the seriously. cast coast after the German raid have der, a cripple, smothered to death; been liberated.

Chester Rawrey, 1, son of the rooming housekeeper, and the seriously injured are Mrs. Dena Rawrey, Clif-ford Rawrey, her son, and Will Genp and All try, a roomer. The three were burt in jumping from the second story of the building, a frame structure.



17, 1914. All members are requested to be present. W. H. RANDOLPH, Sec. Johns.

Two British Destroyers Reported Sunk

GERMAN RAIDING SQUADRON IS SAID TO HAVE SUNK THEM. OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY ENG

LISH ADMIRALTY MAKES NO MENTION OF IT.

By Associated Press.]

LONDON, Dec. 18.—New Amsterdam dispatch contains the German official statement which claim that some
THE \$13,100 WHICH HE ctal statement which claim that some of the British destroyers, which attacked the German raiding squadron of the British coast, were sunk. The communication follows:

DIED FROM SHOT FIRED BY HOHL.

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"The retreating cruiser were attacked by four British destroyers, one of which was sunk, another disappeared ladly damaged. At another point, an imping from the second story of building, a frame structure.

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An official statement issued by the British admiralty last night makes no mention of any British war ships having been lost. The British statement issued by the destroyed Doon, which were among the destroyed D

Majority of Berlin

on Thursday, a son, Robert Robinson

Wife Refuses to Claim Body of Slain Bandit

MOTHER OF BANK ROBBER SAYS SHE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE BODY.

THE \$13,100 WHICH HE STOLE.

not before her body was badly burned from her neck downward.

Silby Ledsome her brother was badly burned about the face while trying to extinguish the flames and save his banks.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 18 .-- Mrs Anna Hohl, mother of the bandit kill-ed in Cincinnati yesterday, said to-THE WEATHER—Western Pennsylvania—Cloudy tonight and Saturday.

Men at Front Killed

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—Berlin taker for it. She declared her son newspapers reaching here declare that a majority of the 70,000 residents of Berlin who went to the front have lost their lives.

Other statistical information given ed in Cincinnati yesterday, said today she intended to claim the body of her son and would send an understaker for it. She declared her son newspapers reaching here declare that a majority of the 70,000 residents of Berlin who went to the front have lost their lives.

Other statistical information given

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

City taxes are now due and payable at the office of the Treasurer. During December only no interest will be charged. After December 31, 1914, Interest will be charged on all unpaid taxes.

Taxes will be collected as soon as possible by the Treasurer after January 1, 1915.

Why not call at the office now, save your interest and a visit from the Treasurer.

NOTICE OWLS!

Berlin who went to the front have loss their lives.

Other statistical information given by these papers is that of the organized workers of Germany who number of the fill the organized workers of Germany who number of the fill the organized workers of Germany who number of Fairmont was unusually heavy to day as a large number of students from the Normal school were leaving for their homes for the Christmas vacation. This is about the first day that the holiday travel has been no now on it is expected to be very heavy.

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Larney Toothman was arrested at the local station but from now on it is expected to be very heavy.

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Therains coming into the city were also filled with students of this city who are attending schools at other places.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

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There will be Election of Officers on Thursday, Dec. aid and obtained his release.

On Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home of his mother, Mrs. Born to Mrs. and Mrs. Ralph Johns Sarah Lloyd, on Gratton Street. Interment will be made in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mexicans Have ThreeKinds Of Paper Money

Turks Die on Ship Sunk by Russians

PETROGRAD, Dec. 18. (Via Lonnavigating off the Turkish coast near Karasunt and was sunk by a Russian warship after all on board the mer-chantman had been ordered to leave. Karasunt is a seaport of Asiatic Turkey, 70 miles west of Trebizond, on the Black Sea.

Gen. Funston Sees

Baby for First Time SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18 .- Major General Funston saw for the first timetoday a daughter who was born to him when he was in command at Vera Cruz.

The general arrived here today on a leave of absence which began De-cember 8 and will last until February 8. His wife and family have been living at the Presidio. General Function said he understood

that his next command would be the department of the south, with headquarters at San Antonio, Tex.

FIVE PER CENT. RAISE

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION AWARDS RELIEF SOUGHT BY RAILWAYS-ALL LINES NORTH OF POTOMAC AND OHIO RIVERS ARE AFFECTED BY THE DECISION-IT FURTHER AP-PLIES TO ROADS WEST OF BUFFALO AND PITTS BURG WHICH WERE GIVEN A PARTIAL AD-VANCE LAST AUGUST.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE ADVANCE WILL AUG-MENT THE ANNUAL INCOME OF THE VARIOUS COMPANIES \$30,000,000—EUROPEAN WAR HAD MUCH TO DO IN BRINGING ABOUT THE FINAL

As forecast by the West Virginian, exclusively in this territory, several days ago, the Interstate Commerce Commission has granted the 5% increase in railroad freight rates to the eastern railroads. The announcement of the

decision is made today.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Increases in freight rates approximating 5% on railroads between the Atlantic Seaboard and the Mississippi north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers were granted today by the Interstate Commerce Commission, in a divided opinion, excepting upon certain heavy commodities which comprise a large bulk of traffic.

The increase will further apply to the railroads west of Buffalo and Pittsburgh which were granted partial advances in the decision of last August, which denied them

altogether to the roads east of these points.

It is estimated that the advance rates will increase the annual income of the roads affected about \$30,000,000.

The Commission made its decision upon the showing of the railroads that in addition to conditions from which they had previously asked relief, they now are confronted with an emergency because of the European war.

With Commissioners Harlan and Clements dissenting the majority of the Commission declared "whatever the consequences of the war may prove to be, we must recognize the fact that it exists, the fact that it is calamity without precedent, and the fact that by it the commerce of the world has been disarranged and thrown into confusion. The means of transportation are fundamental and indispensable agencies in our industrial life and for the common weal should be kept abreast of public requirements."

"Summarizing the basis of its decision, the majority report of the Commission said: "The facts disclosed and occurrences originating subsequent to May 29, 1914, as presented at the further hearing may be summarized under EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 18.—Mexico now has three varieties of flat paper currency as well as three opposing ending June 30, 1914, and returns from succeeding months;

Of the Austrian training ship Beethoven with the loss of the crew and all the cadets on board."

None of the standard naval reference books has mention of a training ship Beethoven belonging to Austrian Hungary. The dual monarchy has four or five ships devoted to the training of cadets, and it is possible sheet keep contributed to the training of cadets, and it is possible sheet keep contributed to the training ship Beethoven belonging to Austrian Hungary. The dual monarchy has four or five ships devoted to the training of cadets, and it is possible sheet keep contributed to the training of cadets, and it is possible sheet keep contributed to the training purposes her name is often contributed to the training purposes her name is often changed.

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days notice to the Interstate Commerce Commission and to the general public in the manner prescribed in section six of the Act to Regulate Commerce Schedules of Rates which don.)—It was officially announced to do not exceed the limit, or transgress the limitations stated

day that the steamer Darontle, of the German Levanthe line, was found "It is further ordered that the permission hereby granted does not waive any of the requirements of the Commission's published rules relative to the construction and filing of tariff publications nor my provisions of the Only two Turkish officers and 12 soldiers obeyed the order and the others went down with the ship.

and filing of tariff publications for any provisions of the act to regulate commerce as amended except to the notice to be given.."

to be given.." The carriers are permitted to make the applied for advance in rates, except the lake and rail traffic; rates on bituminous coal and coke; rates on anthracite coal and iron ore and rates that are held by unexpired orders of the

Commission. After further consideration, the Commission permits advances to be made also on cement, starch, brick, tile, clay and plaster. On these commodities no advances were permitted by the decision of August 1.

Concerning coke, the decision says: "As to coke, the rate controlling the greater volume of traffic, now moving in official classification territory, have recently been set by the Commission upon a basis which was specifically designed to guard against shrinking the carrier's revenue therefrom, and which really resulted in substantial additions to their earnings on that tariff."

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